

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows:

1. (Amended) An assembly for retaining a boot on a sports apparatus, said assembly comprising:

Q<sup>8</sup> a base provided to receive a sole of the boot, a disk provided to retain the base on the apparatus, the disk having at least two elongated holes, parallel to one another, which extend through the disk in its thickness, and at least two screws each extending through an elongated hole, and a plate that is parallel to the disk, the plate sliding along the length of the elongated holes, at least two holes extending through the plate in its thickness, each screw extending through a hole of the plate, retaining means retaining the screws on the plate.

Q<sup>9</sup> 4. (Amended) A retaining assembly according to claim 3, wherein the plate has a generally square shape, and wherein the cavity has a generally parallelepipedic shape.

Please add new claims 6-20 as follows:

Q<sup>10</sup> 6. A retaining assembly according to claim 1, wherein all of the at least two screws extend through respective ones of the holes of the plate.

7. An assembly for retaining a boot on a snowboard, said assembly comprising:

a base adapted to be supported on the snowboard and adapted to support a sole of the boot;

d a disk provided to retain the assembly on the snowboard, the disk having at least two elongated holes extending through a thickness of the disk, each of the two elongated holes being elongated in the same direction;

at least two holes extending through a thickness of the plate;

at least two screws, each of the two screws having a threaded portion;

the two screws extending through a respective one of the two elongated holes of the disk, and the threaded portion of each of the two screws being in threaded engagement with a respective one of the holes of the plate.

8. A retaining assembly according to claim 7, wherein the plate is located beneath the disk.

9. A retaining assembly according to claim 7, wherein the plate is housed in a cavity of the disk.

10. A retaining assembly according to claim 9, wherein the plate has a generally square shape, and wherein the cavity of the disk has a generally parallelepipedic shape.

11. A retaining assembly according to claim 7, wherein the at least two elongated holes of the disk comprise four elongated holes extending in the same direction, the four elongated holes being arranged in two spaced-apart pairs of elongated holes, and wherein the at least two holes of the plate comprises four holes positioned at four corners of a square.

12. A retaining assembly according to claim 7, wherein all of the at least two screws extend through respective ones of the holes of the plate.

13. An assembly for retaining a boot on a snowboard, said assembly comprising:  
a base adapted to be secured onto the snowboard and adapted to support a sole of the boot;  
at least two elongated holes extending through a thickness of the base, each of the two elongated holes being elongated in the same direction;  
a plate positioned for sliding in the direction of the elongated holes, the plate having at least two holes extending through a thickness of the plate;  
at least two screws, each of the two screws having a threaded portion;  
the two screws extending through a respective one of the two elongated holes of the base, and the threaded portion of each of the two screws being in threaded engagement with a respective one of the holes of the plate.

14. A retaining assembly according to claim 13, wherein the base comprises a circular opening through a thickness of the base and a circular disk nested in the circular opening of the

base for rotation within the circular opening of the base, and wherein the at least two elongated holes extend through the disk of the base.

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15. A retaining assembly according to claim 14, wherein the plate is positioned beneath the disk.

16. A retaining assembly according to claim 14, wherein the plate is positioned above the disk.

17. A retaining assembly according to claim 14, wherein the plate is housed in a cavity of the disk.

18. A retaining assembly according to claim 17, wherein the plate has a generally square shape, and wherein the cavity of the disk has a generally parallelepipedic shape.

19. A retaining assembly according to claim 14, wherein the at least two elongated holes of the disk comprise four elongated holes extending in the same direction, the four elongated holes being arranged in two spaced-apart pairs of elongated holes, and wherein the at least two holes of the plate comprises four holes positioned at four corners of a square.

20. A retaining assembly according to claim 13, wherein all of the at least two screws extend through respective ones of the holes of the plate. --